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ces.
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POETRY.

Its words

Are few, but deep and solemn, and they break
Fresh from the fount of feeling.—Percival.

SPEAK IT BOLDLY BY REV. J. PIERPONT. Be thou like the first Apostles—
Be thou like neador Paul;
If a free thought seeks expression
Speak it boldly !—SPEAK IT ALL!

Face thine enemies—accusers,
Scorn the prison rack, or rod!
And if thou hast the TRETH to utter,
SPEAK! and leave the rest to God.

MODESTY.

Methinks the ros Is the very emblem of a maid;
For when the West wind courts her gently,
How modestly she blows and paints the sun
With her chaste blushes: when the North
comes near her,
Rude and impatient, then like chastity
She locks her beauties in her bud again,
And leaves him to the base briers.

COMMUNICATIONS.

MESSRS. EDITORS: In perusing the columns of you interesting sheet, I was rather surprised to find that you, too, have given publicity to that copper-plate imposture, which has so frequently appeared in other public newspapers, claiming to be the "identical death warrant of Jesus Christ" Now, according to my humble opinion, the object of this mankish imposture, was to raise money. For even a superficial reader may at once question its right to genuineness, first, from the fact, that it claims to have been engraven, as stated in ome of the London papers, in Hebrew charactersthe Hebrew language being confined, in that age, to the learned, as is the Greek, of the present day. And then again, from the closing sentence, which directs a copy to be sent "to euch Tribe," from which it is evident, the author of the imposture was ignorant of the non-existence of Israelitish tribes during the days of Tiberius, the Roman mperor.

Lord Howard, the purchaser of this sacred impor ture, whose gullibility excited the laughter of his countrymen, felt heartily ashamed of his purchase and would have gladly re-sold it at any price approxi mating the purchase money.

Any man who reads the evangelical record of th trial and condemnation of Christ, will readily perceive that no testimony was admissible at the bar of Pilate, but that which Christ bore of himself; namely, that he was the Messian, the Son of the living Cod this-his own testimony-he was conder and not for other specifications, additional, it is true, which appear in this newly discovered "literal death

In a word, Christianity needs not the affected resurection of marble vases or copper plate engravings, to establish the fact that her founder was condemned a an impostor. No good can accrue to her friends from such pretended discoveries. And if her enemies will not be persuaded of the veracity of her exalted claims by the reasonableness of her doctrines, and the holy lives of her followers, surely marble vases and brass tablets arising from the dead, will not convince them! JOSEPHUS:

COLUMBIAN FOUNTAIN.

MR. J. B. GOUGH.

Mr. SLEEPER :- By the steamer Caledo-It is an excellent letter, written correctly, in a fair hand, and dated "Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Sept. 29, 1846." Believing a few ted to rivet the eye and engross the atten-

mences by saying: of his life, which I immediately procured. In an at a loss, my dear son, how to express my feelings on reading your book, more particularly the first part of it. You must be aware that the narration of the many trials you encountered, must have harrowed up the feelings of a father. Although I am not a member of its Trial. a society exists, for by its instrumentality spring into the mizen chains—I ran to the stern—in a few moments saw a youth, upheld above the surging wave, by a buoyant —and I do dope that through grace you will be enabled to perform with all fidelity as a Christian, your duty to God and man. give to your poor old father once more to celebrity, and lived to see his preserver the see his son before leaving this world of pride and glory of his country. trials. I am now in my sixty-sixth year, and am in a good degree of health, and enjy my present situation as a pensioner of the "Royal Hospital." Give my very aftectionate love to your sister Mary and family, hoping they will all do well. My son that naval renown which the admiration of the contracts. See. The street

be a source of the greatest comfort to see you both. May the Lord bless you and make you happy, is the prayer of your affectionate father, John Gough.
P. S. Let me hear from you soon as possible."

Mr. Gough has spared no pains to find his father by inquiy and writing, and when Mr. Ross left this country he was charged to do it if possible, and succeeded as the letter shows.

COMMODORE DECATUR.

The removal of the remains of Commodore Decatur, suggests the selection to the Pennsylvania of the following extract from the second volume of Rush's Residence at the Court of London, which may not be unacceptable to some of our readers.

" May 16, 1820, Dined at Lord Molville's the first Lord of the Admiralty. Mr Roset British Minister at Berlin; the Russian Ambassador and Countress Leiven; Lord and Lady Binning; Lady Castlereagh; the Ambassador faom the Netherlands; Mr. Plants; Mr. Bagot and others made the company Among the table ornaments was a very beautiful representation of Neptune, in alabaster, holding in his hand the trident of the ocean." "Tropics during the dinner hour and eve

ning, were such as the new reign sugges-

One other, a foreign one, shared atten-

tion-the death of Commdoore Decatur, the account whose fall in a duel with Commodore Barron, near Washington, had just be-come known in London. To Mr. Bagot, next to whom I sat, I spoke of him, lamenting in his death the loss of a personal friend and old school mate, besides his loss to his country. It was known to me that Mr. Bagot had made his acquaintance whilst the former was British Minister in the United States, as well as that the Commordore's accomplished wife was known to Mrs Bagot. Mr. Bagot spoke of the Commodore in the handsomest terms, and this not for my ear alone, but that of the whole company. His closing words were, 'All that he said or did was ever carried off with a soldierly grace.' And let his school mate and friend here pay him the passing out of the received as the retaining point, tribute of addition to real that the whole is to be manœuvred, may be at least five miles long, so that the balloon, at a mile of elevation, would leave the vessel, or land position, which act as the retaining point, tribute of adding to words so true, that a lofty patriotism ever animated all his thoughts and deed; that he was a shining example to others in a profession which he desired to lift up to the highest pitch not only by his valor and naval accomplishness, but by the noble ambition of intellectual improvement in other fields-an ambition that he seemed

to cherish but more with advancing years; so that, had he lived longer, his country might have beheld in him a fame even more full-orbed than that which his untimely death cut short."

STEPHEN DECATUR.

In the United States Gazette we find the following incident of this distinguished of-The first time I had the pleasure of see-

ing this illustrious man, was in the West The following interesting communication Indies, during our differences with the is from the Boston Journal, of Saturday French Republic. He was then a Lieutenwhose officers had been selected from a-C. H. VAN PATTEN, M. D., Dentist,

PERFORMS all operations upon the Teeth,

Gums and Mouth, with the greatest care and
skill. Office near Brown's Hotel, and next door to

the State of the piness it gave him when he said, "Why, here is a letter from my father—the first I have received since the fall of 1838—and whom I have not seen since June 1829." the characteristic look and air of sailors extracts may be interesting to the public, tion. I had often pictured to myself the they are made at my request. He com- form and look of a hero-such as my favorite Homer had delineated-here, I thought, "It is a long time since I saw or heard it was embodied! On being released from from you. I had indeed given up all hopes a kind of spell, by which he had rivetted of ever hearing of you again. I think about my attention, I turned to the gentlemen to three months since, Mr. Ross called and whom I was indebted for the introduction, informed me that he had seen my son in and inquired the character of Decatur—the America, and that he had published a histoy inquiry was made of a person, to whose of his life, which I immediately procured. long experience and knowledge of human though I am not a member of the Total Abstinence Society, yet I bless God that such from deck to deck—I observed Decatur to Oh, what unspeakable pleasure would it it was the life of one who has since had

you have drawn a sorrowful picture of your the world-a renown, so associated with dear mother's interment in your history; I the name of Decatur as to render them in-felt that part of it keenly. Remember me dissoluble.

to your wife, and assure her that it would EASY METHOD OF CAPTURING THE CASTLE OF SAN JUAN D'ULLOA AT VERA CRUZ.

Mr. Wise, the gronaut, has come before the public, in the columns of the Lancaster (Pa.) Republican, with a plan for taking the business out of the hands of General Taylor, Worth, and Patterson, and doing up the Mexicans at short notice. We do not think our readers would be satisfied with less than the whole article:

Mr. D. S. Kieffer.—The present condi-tion of the war with Mexico, will require our forces to reduce Vera Cruz. And it is acknowledged on all sides to be an extraordinarily well fortified point of defence, almost impregnable to the common mode of warfare, and at best cannot be taken in that way, without a great sacrifice of life and ammunition. I will suggest a plan to our War Department, that will render the capture of the Castle of San Juan D'Ulloa as feasible and easy as the launching of a fri-

Although the plan I shall propose may seem novel to many, still a brief detail of it, I think, will satisfy the most incredu-lous of its efficacy. In the first place, it will require the construction of a balloon of common twilled muslin, of about one hundred feet diameter. This machine, properly coated with varnish, will retain its buoyancy for many days or weeks. It will be capable, when inflated, to raise over 30,000 pounds-say 20,000 independent of its own weight, net work, car, and cable. It can be inflated in a day, or less time, if necessary.

The process of inflation may be accomplished on land, or on board of a man of war at sea, as circumstances may require, the car to be loaded with percussioned bomb shell and torpedoes to the amount of 18,000 pounds, which will leave 2,000 pounds for ballast and men. Thus it will be ready to be placed in a position for deadly action, in a very short time. The cable by which it out of the reach of the castle guns, and under the cover of our own batteries. The man Castle like a cloud of destruction, month be out of danger of the enemies' guns, since they could not be made to bear at an object immediately above them. The position of the balloon as to height and distance from the retaining point, could be easily maintained by keeping a proper eye to its ballasting. As it would become lightened by the discharge of shells and torpedoes, an adequate quantity of gas can also be dis-

charged. If a gun from the castle could be made to bear upon the war balloon, it would soon be silenced by the rapidity, precision, and certainty, with which the deadly mis-

siles could be showered down upon them. With this ærial war ship hanging a mile above the fort supplied with a thousand percussioned bomb shells, the Castle of Vera Cruz could be taken without the loss ant on board of one of our largest frigates, of a single life to the army, and at an expense that would be comparativel to what it would be to take it by the common mode of attack.

Through the medium of your journal, I would most respectfully suggest this plan to our government, and will tender my services for its construction, and when constructed, will, if necessary, most cheerfully undertake its directorship into actual service, at a moment's warning.

Very respectfully, your friend and fellow citizen, J. WISE. LANCASTER, Oct. 22, 1846.

ERE'S THE PLACE, 12th street ans Canal.—Just received, and now landing a car go of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ bords, saw'd laths, pailings, post rails, joist-scantling, sills, together with an assortment of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ \$\frac{1}{2}\$ white pine and cypress plank. Also dressed flooring, N. C. joists and stepping.

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acril 25—tf WARD & LENMAN,

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Georgetown-sept 22-1m

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